

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 - 4. (Canceled)

5. (New) A quality enhancer for cooked rice, noodles or pasta comprising white potato-derived water-soluble acidic polysaccharides, wherein the white potato-derived water-soluble acidic polysaccharides include uronic acids as constituent sugars, the uronic acids comprising 0.003 – 1.0%.

6. (New) The quality enhancer for cooked rice, noodles or pasta of claim 5, wherein the uronic acids comprise 0.035 – 0.5%.

7. (New) The quality enhancer for cooked rice, noodles or pasta of claim 5, wherein the uronic acids comprise 0.08 – 0.2%.

8. (New) The quality enhancer for cooked rice, noodles or pasta of claim 5, wherein the white potato-derived water-soluble acidic polysaccharides have a starch content of no more than 60%.

9. (New) The quality enhancer for cooked rice, noodles or pasta of claim 5, wherein the white potato-derived water-soluble acidic polysaccharides have a starch content of no more than 30%.

10. (New) The quality enhancer for cooked rice, noodles or pasta of claim 5, wherein the white potato-derived water-soluble acidic polysaccharides have a starch content of no more than 10%.

11. (New) A cooked rice, noodle or pasta obtained by addition of a quality enhancer according to claim 5.